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There were present:

Presidents: Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri
Bishop Otto Dibelius
Metropolitan Juhanon Mar Thoma
Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill

Chairman: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Ernest A. Payne

Members: Dr. Eugene C. Blake
Professor G. Florovsky
Professor J.L. Hromadka
Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren
Dr. M. Niemoeller
Mr. Rajaiah D. Paul
Dean Liston Pope

Consultants: Sir Kenneth Grubb
Archimandrite Timiadis

Staff: Rev. Paul Abrecht
Dr. Roswell P. Barnes
Mlle Madeleine Barot
Dr. Robert S. Bilheimer
Dr. K. Bridston
Dr. Leslie Cooke
Rev. John Garrett
Dr. Norman Goodall
Rev. Francis House
Bishop Lesslie Newbigin
Dr. O.F. Nolde
Mr. Frank Northam
Dr. W.A. Visser 't Hooft

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman referred to the death of Rev. Peter Dagadu. He welcomed Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren of Sweden.

1. Roll Call

The General Secretary gave an account of the passing of the Rev. Peter Dagadu. He referred to the illness of Dr. John Baillie and of Dr. Kathleen Bliss. He spoke of the absence of Metropolitan James of Philadelphia who had been unable to secure an exit visa. Bishop Bromley Oxnam had written an apology indicating that he had now completed his period of service as Bishop and was taking a long rest. He hoped to attend future meetings of the Executive Committee.

Archbishop Iakovos had cabled an apology and indicated his inability to attend the meetings of the Executive and Central Committees.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted after emendation on the basis of a letter written by Dr. Ernest Payne concerning the details of the St. Giles Service.

The Agenda for the day was approved, and sub-committees on Finance and Staffing were set up.

3. Executive Committee Report to the Central Committee

The Secretary expounded the report. He made reference to the welcome given to the Executive Committee in Buenos Aires and to the success of the Consultation at Sao Paulo.

Item 5, Integration

The Secretary drew attention to the number and nature of replies from the churches on this subject. The replies were generally favourable.

A total of 88 replies had been received of which 83 are positive and 5 negative. The fact that no definite answer from Orthodox churches had been received created some difficulties. Indications had been given of a favourable attitude on the part of the Ecumenical Patriarch Orthodox hesitation centred about proselytism. A Committee had been working on a new document on Proselytism which it was thought would be an improvement on the Galyateso statement.

In response to a question from Dr. Niemoeller, the General Secretary indicated the negative votes and interpreted their significance. He also reported on the unanimous vote of the I.M.C. Administrative Committee in favour of integration.

Item 6, South Africa

The General Secretary read the section of the Executive Committee's report on South Africa and rehearsed the course of events. He reported that Dr. Bilheimer had been appointed Chairman of the Committee in South Africa for preparing for the Consultation. It was pointed out that in spite of the publicity given to the request of the Archbishop of the Province of South Africa that the World Council of Churches should expel the Dutch Reformed Churches from its membership or else the Church of the Province would withdraw, no such request had been formally or officially placed before the World Council.

Confusion still existed on this issue and the Church of the Transvaal had sought reassurance on this matter.

It was AGREED

that the Chairman of the Central Committee should reply to this enquiry at the end of the Central Committee's meeting. The last paragraph of Section 6 was emended to read: "Conversation with one another".

In response to enquiries concerning the churches to take part in the Consultation and the subjects to be discussed it was reported:

(a) Participating Churches

Dutch Reformed Church of the Transvaal
Dutch Reformed Church of the Cape
Hervormde Church
Presbyterian Church of South Africa
Bantu Presbyterian Church
Congregational Union of South Africa
Methodist Church of South Africa
The Church of the Province of South Africa.

(b) Subjects for discussion

(1) The facts of the situation.
(2) What the churches are doing to establish justice.
(3) The Gospel and race relations.
(4) The meaning of contemporary history for South Africa.
(5) The understanding of the current emergency.

The General Secretary referred to the help given by Bishop Stephen Bayne, who had made a special trip to South Africa, especially in bringing the Church of the Province into the conversation.

AGREED

To make the letter sent by the WCC to leaders of its 8 member churches in South Africa available to members of the Central Committee.

Item 8, Relations with the churches in the U.S.S.R.

It was reported that Metropolitan Nicolai had resigned as head of the Committee of the Moscow Patriarchate on relations with foreign churches. Metropolitan Nicodim had been appointed to succeed him.

It was also reported that a group of 4 young Russian churchmen from the Moscow Patriarchate and one fron the Baptist Church had been at the Lausanne Youth Conference and /went afterwards to a course at Bossey. /two

4 representatives had been at St. Andrews, 2 had attended the Faith and Order discussions and 2 had attended sessions of the Executive Committee of CCIA.

The two representatives who had been at the Rhodes meeting of the Central Committee - Protopriest Vitaly Borovoy and Mr. Alexeev would be at the Central Committee at St. Andrews.

Item 9, Developments in the Roman Catholic Church

The General Secretary spoke of the events of the past year and their repercussions in the Church of Rome. He introduced the paragraph of the Report and underlined the judgment of Father Congar quoted in the report. It was stressed that the World Council of Churches is not in formal conversation with the Roman Catholic Church. He stated that speculation is rife about the significance of the proposed Ecumenical Council. The World Council had not been approached on this matter. If it were it might be inadvisable to accept. If observers are invited it would be better if they were to be theologians personally and individually invited. Within the Roman Catholic Church there are great divergencies of opinion about the significance of the Ecumenical Council. It appeared that the Council will deal mainly with the structure of the Roman Catholic Church and not the real issues of unity. There is however a change of climate in which the real issues might be dealt with.

Dean Pope said that he saw no reason why the structure of the WCC should not be changed to permit conversations with the Secretariat of the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Florovsky said that he thought an approach might be made to the World Council of Churches to appoint representatives. An approach might also be made to individual churches. He feared the confusion which might arise in the member churches if the World Council was given an invitation and accepted it.

Dr. Blake suggested that paragraph c. was too negative and hoped for a positive statement that the WCC discuss unity with any who will come into its fellowship accepting the Basis.

Dr. Payne questioned the statement that the Papal Council will not be concerned with unity.

The General Secretary indicated that the Council will have an indirect effect on unity.

AGREED

to accept the section with
(i) substitution of UNION for UNITY in paragraph (c);
(ii) the insertion of the sentence: "In these matters each Church takes its decision in full freedom."
(iii) the omission of the words "which could have been ..... Radio Vatican".

AGREED

In future all correspondence with the Roman Church on this matter should be through the General Secretary and not by Divisions and Departments of the WCC.

The General Secretary pointed out that the appointment of Monsignor Willebrands to the Secretariat for Ecumenical Relations in the Roman Catholic Church gave a more official character to the correspondence and therefore welcomed the suggestion that in future correspondence should be through the General Secretary.

Item 9, World Refugee Year

Amended to read: "It is hoped that the United Nations will accept continuing responsibility in proportion to the needs of refugees and will accordingly name a worthy successor to Dr. August Lindt, the present High Commissioner for Refugees who has given...".

The Report as amended was approved.

4. Agenda of Central Committee 1960

The agenda was approved. The Sub-Committees and Reference Committees with their chairmen and secretaries were nominated for approval by Central Committee.

The lists of invited guests were presented.

5. Observers

On the question of the status of the observers from the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church it was AGREED that

the observers from the Russian Orthodox Church be designated: "Observers appointed by the Moscow Patriarchate";

the observers from the Roman Catholic Church be designated: "Roman Catholic Observers".

On the question of the attendance of observers at the sub-committees, it was
AGREED:

Attendance of observers at the meetings of the Sub-Committees be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Central Committee in consultatior with the chairmen of the sub-committees.

Guests and those attending the Central Committee in other capacities than members should be assigned to the sub-committees. This task to be carried out by Dr. Bilheimer.

6. Third Assembly

Two papers were presented to the Executive Committee on Assembly Preparations:

A. Allocation of Places.

Delegates:

a) The Executive Committee noted that mistakes in the Rhodes allocations list resulted in the "saving" of two places.

b) The Executive Committee at its meeting in Buenos Aires voted that one of the above places be reallocated to the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

c) The Executive Committee noted that the Congregational Union of Australia had relinquished 2 of its 4 places, and that the Congregational Union of New Zealand had relinquished 2 of its 4 places.

d) The result of the foregoing is that total allocations are reduced to 590.

e) The Executive Committee

AGREED: to recommend to the Central Committee that the 4 places resulting from the action of the Congregational Union of Australia and the Congregational Union of New Zealand be reallocated.

f) The Executive Committee noted that applications have been received from 8 churches, and

AGREED: to recommend to the Central Committee that 1 place be allocated to each of the churches received into membership at this meeting of the Central Committee.

g) The resulting allocations would then be 598.

h) The Executive Committee noted that 5 churches had so far indicated that they could not send their delegates for the Third Assembly; the total of delegate places being 10. The Executive Committee after discussion,

AGREED: that the General Secretary be asked to correspond with churches which have declined to send delegates to the Third Assembly, with a view to finding ways and means of making it it possible for each church to be represented by at least one delegate.

Advisers

The Executive Committee, in accord with its recommendation to the Central Committee (Buenos Aires Minutes), gave consideration to a first list of advisers and

AGREED: to reserve 55 places for members of the Central Committee who are not delegates, members of the Administrative Committee of the I.M.C. who are not delegates, persons to be nominated by the Administrative Committee of DICASR. and members of the General Theme Commission and the worship Committee who are not delegates, and to fill these 55 places at the next meeting of the Executive Committee so far as possible, and thereafter by the Officers of the Central Committee.

to leave to the officers the decision as to whether or not the Executive Committee should be called during the Central Committee, to consider changes in the list of advisers to the Assembly.

To refer to the Officers suggested changes in the list of persons suggested for other places, on the understanding that the Executive Committee will meet briefly during the Central Committee to deal with the revised list.

Observers

The action of the Executive Committee at Buenos Aires was reconsidered, and it was

AGREED: that the Executive Committee propose that the number of observers be fixed at a later date; recognizing that the number will be up to 50, and that the Executive Committee be authorised to invite them;

that enquiries be initiated by the General Secretary concerning observers from the following:

Church of Russia
Churches in Asia
Churches in Africa
Churches in Latin America
Southern Baptist Convention
Missouri Synod
Armenian Church
Christian Reformed Church
Mennonite Church
Roman Catholic Church
East European Churches
Serbian Orthodox Church
Pentecostalists
Adventists
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

and that in selecting observers from churches in Asia and Africa the E.A.C.C. and the A.A.C.C. respectively be consulted and furtler that the officers be empowered to determine the number of observers from the above.

Guests

The Executive Committee recommends to the Central Committee that 50 guests, other than spouses of Assembly participants, from outside India be invited by the Executive Committee or its officers upon recommendation of the staff, and that the list be reviewed by the Executive Committee;

that guests from India be invited after consultation with the N.C.C. of India concerning probable numbers, the type of programme needed for them and available accomodation.

Officers of Sections and Committees

Dr. Bilheimer reported good progress concerning the willingness f the churches to appoint as delegates, or agree that they might e appointed as advisers, the people nominated by the Executive ommittee at Buenos Aires, and

AGREED: to propose the list as drawn up at the Buenos Aires meeting to the Central Committee, with the following changes:

Rev. Miques for Dr. Devanandan (Secretary Witness)

John Karefa-Smart for H.H.Harms (Sec. Division of Studies)

John Marsh for Daniel Jenkins (Secretary F. & O.)

George Johnston for Gwenyth Hubble (Chairman Cooperation Men & Women)

H. Hunt for Luis Odell (Secretary D.I.C.A.S.R.)

David Paton for Wilfred Lockhart (Secretary Information)

The nomination of H.H.Harms as Secretary of the Nominations Committee

7. Nominations Committee for the Assembly

It was

AGREED to nominate to the Central Committee:
Bishop John Sadiq and Mr. Charles Parlin, to constitute with the Chairman, Professor William Tindal and the Secretary Dr. H.H. Harms, a nucleus of the Nominations Committee.

8. Headquarters Properties Committee

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Northam read an initial draft of a section on this question, based on discussions in the Headquarters Properties Committee, for inclusion in the report of the Executive Committee to the Central Committee.

Dr. Blake explained that the Headquarters Properties Committee had received a full report of developments during the past 6 months. He recalled that 3 architects were originally appointed - Mr. Senn, Prof. Bartning and Mr. Lesemann. In the period following the death of Prof. Bartning, increasing difficulties had been experienced in reaching agreed decisions for the solution of problems. These difficulties had finally rendered unavoidable a decision to terminate the engagement of Mr. Senn, who had submitted during the days immediately preceding the meeting his claim for fees. If legal advice confirmed the validity of his claim, it would be settled. It was clear that there would be savings in the expense of construction resulting from the change of architects, which would compensate the expense of fees paid to Mr. Senn. Dr. Blake reported that the Geneva firm of architects now proposed is a larger firm which is highly recommended.

Dr. Blake recalled that Mr. Senn had been unwilling to observe the conditions laid down by the Central Committee in 1959 for the modification of the plans for the chapel and that the Executive Committee in February 1960 had given its approval to Mr. Senn's plans for the chapel only with hesitation and reluctance. He expressed the hope that it might prove possible to secure a new proposal for the solution of this problem which would receive wider support.

The recommendation of the Headquarters Properties Committee was that this matter should be included in the report of the Executive Committee to the Central Committee and therefore be referred by the Central Committee, together with the other items in that report, to Reference Committee I. It would then be hoped that, after full discussion in Reference Committee, there would not be extensive discussion in an open session of a full Central Committee of the reasons for terminating the engagement of Mr. Senn.

The Executive Committee, after discussion, received the report and agreed to authorise the Chairman of the Central Committee and the Chairman of Finance Committee to approve the final text of the section for inclusion in the report to the Central Committee.

9. Applications for Membership

The General Secretary reported on the following applications for membership of the World Council of Churches:

1. Eglise Evangélique de Madagascar (formerly Mission Protestante Française)
2. London Missionary Society Synod in Madagascar
3. The Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East
4. Eglise Evangélique de Togo
5. The Sundanese Christian Church of West Java (voted at Buenos Aires)
6. The Methodist Church of Ghana (subject to confirmation that the Church accepted the Basis of WCC)

AGREED The Executive Committee recommends to the Central Committee that these applications for membership be accepted.

Applications Pending

The General Secretary reported that applications were pending from:

a. The Church of the Province of East Africa
b. A cabled application from the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea
c. The Church of Christ in South Africa
d. The Coptic Evangelical Church in Egypt
e. The Evangelical Church in New Guinea
f. Mission Evangélique de Tananarive

AGREED That in the case of a, b and c, if papers were received in order during the meetings of the Central Committee, the applications may be sent direct to the appropriate Reference Committee.

Dr. Blake raised the question of keeping in touch with the smaller churches.

The General Secretary acknowledged that we have not yet found a satisfying way of doing this.

Dr. Payne indicated that the Baptist Union of Scotland may seek to reenter the World Council of Churches in 1962.

Dr. Fry indicated that the Finnish Evangelical Church of America (The Suomi Church) may vote to apply for membership. This would be significant because this church was entering a merger of Lutheran Churches in the United States.

Dean Pope asked what are the procedures to be followed when two member churches enter into a merger.

It was

AGREED that

i) "In those cases where uniting churches had been members of the World Council subject to certification by the proper officers of the expiring and of the merged Church, that the union had been effected, the new Church may be immediately entered on the roll of the World Council of Churches."

ii) "In cases in which one or more churches in membership with the World Council of Churches unite with a non member church or churches, the church resulting from such union shall be recognised as inheriting the relationships to the WCC of its member components and its name shall be entered on the roll of member churches upon receipt of certification that it has officially requested such status and has expressed agreement with Article I (Basis) of the constitution of the Council."

10. Basis

Dr. Payne recalled the decision of the Executive to study a new form of words. The process began with the motion of the Church of Norway at the Second Assembly.

Since then other churches had made representations for a change in the Basis. The new form of words offered to the Executive Committee at Buenos Aires had received wide acceptance in the Committee.

The revision was circulated to members of the Central Committee. While there was an indication of a widespread acceptance, hesitation had been expressed in some quarters, notably in the Church of Greece. It was hoped that such misgivings might be allayed and the Central Committee enabled to take action. The second form of words maintained the original Basis and included the Trinitarian formula and a reference to Holy Scriptures.

There had been evidence that there would be a likely acceptance in the IMC constituency. If the World Council votes for a new form of the Basis it would be only after Integration. Integration will take place on the present Basis.

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin reported the action of the IMC Administrative Committee in accepting integration on the present Basis. In that Committee the new proposal had met with a favourable reception.

Professor Florovsky asserted that he thought the suggested new form would cause difficulties in Greece. He urged postponement of the discussion.

Bishop Sherrill said that he sympathised with Prof. Florovsky because he feared that this suggested change would open up a lot of discussion at a time when we should be centering our thoughts on the missionary cause.

The Chairman pointed out that the Executive was not asked to act. Action would be on the recommendation of the Basis Committee to the Central Committee in the light of the Executive's action at Buenos Aires.

Dr. Blake recalled that suggested changes had been made because of pressures. His Church did not want to go towards a credal basis.

The Chairman said that many churches would be disappointed if the Basis were not revised.

In response to a question about procedures the General Secretary said that like other constitutional matters it would call for 2/3 vote of Assembly. The Central Committee must act at St. Andrews if such action is to be taken by the Assembly.

Dean Pope asked what would be the position of the churches that had entered the WCC on the present basis?

The Chairman said there would not be a referendum and the churches would not be asked to make a reaffirmation.

Dr. Niemöller recalled the action of the Executive Committee at Buenos Aires.

The General Secretary said that he did not send the suggested revision to the member churches because the Basis Committee was not unanimous. After consultation and the agreement of the Chairman of the Basis Committee he sent the revision to members of the Central Committee.

Professor Florovsky said the Central Committee should be asked not to send the revision to the Assembly but to the churches.

The General Secretary read the covering legislation and affirmed that it may be interpreted as meaning that the Central Committee may review the Basis without commending it, and to send it to member churches indicating that it would be discussed at the Assembly.

Dr. Niemöller pointed out that the Central Committee would have opportunity for discussion and decision could be taken to act according to the Rules. On the other hand, each Church has the right to bring this matter up to the Assembly.

The General Secretary said he thought this must come up via the Central Committee if it is to come up at all.

The Chairman asserted that the Central Committee could still study the wording, review it, even disagree on it, and yet still send it to the member churches.

Dr. Payne said this was the cause of the present confusion. The Church of Norway was within its rights and it had been assured th action would be taken at the Third Assembly. This Central Committee must make a final proposal of a form of words based on the proposal made by the Church of Norway.

The Chairman: If this did not happen, then action would have to be taken on the form proposed by the Church of Norway.

Dr. Barnes asked who proposed the changes.

The Chairman replied: The Basis Committee.

Dr. Barnes said this would mean that it has to be proposed by the Central Committee or by a member church.

Metropolitan Juhanon asked how many churches had requested a change.

The Chairman referred to the New Haven minutes of the Central Committee. The Basis Committee must report to St. Andrews.

Bishop Sherrill asked if the Basis Committee was set up to deal with the Norwegian proposal.

The General Secretary said, the Basis Committee had received other suggestions and had to deal with them also.

AGREED that the Basis Committee would present a revised form of the Basis for discussion in the Central Committee.

11. Integration

Dr. Norman Goodall reported on the developments in regard to the integration of the WCC and the IMC.

He said that two documents would be submitted to the Central Committee:

(1) Amendments to the Constitution and Rules of the WCC to effect integration;

(2) A draft resolution for the Central Committee and this to include a resolution for the Assembly with suggestions of procedures for the Assembly's action on Integration.

AGREED to submit the documents to the appropriate Reference Committee.

2. Report of the Staffing Committee

A. It was reported that, following the decisions of the meeting of the Executive Committee at Buenos Aires,

i) Rev. Albert van den Heuvel joined the staff of the Youth Department on May 1;

ii) Miss Anita Diehl joined the staff of the Youth Department as Secretary for Work Camps from 1 August 1960.

iii) Mr. I. Itty joined the staff of the Youth Department from 1 August 1960.

* iv) Professor H.H. Wolf has accepted the invitation to serve as Director of the Bossey Institute for a further three years from 30 June 1961.

v) Mr. Hans-Ruedi Weber has accepted appointment to the staff of the Bossey Institute for three years from 1 July, 1961.

vi) Mr. Henri Makulu has taken up his duties on the Bossey staff.

* vii) Dr. Hans Joachim Margull has accepted appointment as Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism for a period of three years.

viii) Rev. Harry Morton has accepted appointment to the DICASR staff as Secretary for the Scholarship Programme for a period of three years from 1 August 1960.

ix) Mr. Baden Hickman has resigned from the DICASR staff as from March 1960 owing to ill health.

x) Rev. Robert Falconer has declined the invitation to become Director of the Department of Information.

B. DICASR

i) Mr. B. Sjollema. It was agreed that Mr. Sjollema's appointment on the DICASR staff expire on 30 September 1961, three months after the Migration Conference.

ii) Dr. Ledermann. Appointment extended for three years from 1 September 1961.

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* = Action required by Central Committee

iii) Miss Meyhoffer: Appointment extended for three years from 1 September 1961.

iv) Dr. G.G. Williams: Appointment extended for three years from 1 February 1962, subject to the approval of the DICASR Administrative Committee.

v) Pastor Puffert: Appointment confirmed for 3 years from October 1960, as Secretary for study and survey of areas of acute human need.

vi) Mr. Walter Kilpatrick: to be asked to join the staff for 3 years to undertake certain of the responsibilities carried by Dr. Edgar Chandler, his exact title to be determined by the officers or Executive Committee after the meeting of the Administrative Committee in October 1960.

vii) Rev. Hallam Shorrock: to be asked to join the staff as Secretary for Asia for a period of three years.

* viii) That subject to authorisation by the Central Committee, steps be taken to secure a Secretary for Africa, a person to deal with relationships in Latin America, and a Secretary to the Administrative Secretary of the Division.

C. Division of Ecumenical Action

i) Miss Helen Morton. It was agreed, subject to financial provision on a project basis, that her appointment be extended through the Third Assembly.

ii) Miss Emma Lou Benignus. Acceptance of generous offer of the Protestant Episcopal Church for 1 year from 1 August 1960 confirmed.

D. Division of Studies

i) Rev. H.B. Partin. It was noted that his appointment would expire 31 August 1961.

ii) Rev. D. Kitagawa. Appointment for 3 years from 31 January 196 as Secretary of the WCC for Racial and Ethnic Relations, subject to the approval of the needs and functions thereof by the Central Committee.

iii) Dr. Carrillo de Albornoz. Appointment for 3 years from 31 January 1962 to the Secretariat for Religious Liberty.

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E. Department of Information

* i) Mr. Philippe Maury. It was agreed to invite Mr. Maury to serve the WCC for at least three years and in the first instance as Director of the Department, subject to review not later than the Third Assembly.

ii) The Finance Committee to be asked to provide money for the appointment of a technical assistant in the Department.

iii) Miss Betty Thompson. Appointment extended for 3 years from 31 January 1962.

F. Translation Department

Pastor Hampe has been suggested as Executive Secretary for Translations and Interpretations, but further discussion would now be necessary. The officers to be authorised to act on this or other names.

G. Associate General Secretaries

* i) Rev. Francis House. It was reported that Mr. House, whose appointment expires 31 January 1962, does not desire re-appointment.

* ii) It was agreed to report to the Central Committee

(a) that discussions regarding the future appointments necessary had already begun,

(b) that careful attention would be given to geographical and confessional balance in the Secretariat, and

(c) that any suggestions which members desired to make should be sent to either the General Secretary or the Chairman of the Staffing Committee.

The report was approved

3. Programme and Finance

Dr. Blake explained that the suggestion of the Programme and Finance Committee was that the main discussion of the final report should come at one time on the basis of the report of Reference Committee I after the comments of divisional and departmental committees had been considered by that Committee.

The Programme and Finance Committee did not expect to meet again but would be represented in the Reference Committee.

The Executive Committee agreed to follow this line of procedure.

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14. Finance Committee

Dr. Blake reported that the Finance Sub-Committee had dealt with three questions within the competence of the Executive Committee

a. it had been agreed to grant the payment of home fares for the families of 2 Secretarial Staff members for home leave in 1960;

b. it had been agreed to grant an increase in remuneration to one Secretarial Staff member from July 1, 1960; and

c. it had been agreed to adopt a formal resolution required to secure the retirement rights within his own Church for one Secretarial Staff member.

The Executive Committee agreed to ratify these actions of the Finance Sub-Committee.

15. Further matters on the Assembly

Dr. Bilheimer spoke of two documents:

a. The document on the main theme which had been sent to all members of the Central Committee,

b. The Assembly document on the three sections - Witness, Unity, Service, which had been completed in St. Andrews.

Concerning the document on the main theme, Dr. Bilheimer said there had been a full attendance of the Commission. There had been wide comment from the churches. Revision had been invited on Sections 1 and 3 and work continued on the 8 Bible studies. As far as the Commission is concerned, the document is in its final form for action by the Executive and the Central Committee.

The documents would be circulated in 500,000 copies and the distribution of 200,000 was assured. The documents would appear in a booklet form, which will include documents 1 and 2 and a statement on the nature and purpose of the WCC. The time scheme is urgent. The booklet would appear in many languages, the three official languages and Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and Norwegian, as well as 7 Indian languages and several languages of Africa.

Sir Kenneth Grubb spoke on the preparation of the document on the three sections. He said that these commissions had worked over the material from Spittal. This material had been condensed and put into more popular language. All of this had been finally worked over by the officers. He pointed out the unequal nature of the documents since Unity and Witness had been the subject of long study in the WCC, while Service attempted to deal with the whole gamut of Life and Work and therefore was more difficult to define and would need special handling in the Assembly.

16. Frequency of Meetings

The question raised by Dr. Pope concerning the frequency of meetings had been dealt with by the Finance and Programme Committee. Dr. Blake reported that while the problem of the meetings both for members and staff was recognised a suggestion that the Central Committee should meet every two years and the Executive Committee annually would affect policy of the WCC. It would lead to a wider gulf between the informed participation of the general members of the Central Committee and that of the inner group of the Central Committee who are more fully involved in the work of the WCC. The Committee agreed that it would be unwise to change the schedule. The Committee had suggested certain possible modifications:

a) Change the rule by which 2 members of the Central Committee must sit on the Divisional Committee to read "one member";

b) To hold one Central Committee in January in a tropical country, thus making a wider gap between meetings, although the Executive Committee would have to meet in the interval.

Dean Pope said that he had raised the question because with present tendencies the WCC committees became increasingly committees of denominational leaders who alone could arrange their flexible timetables to include the meetings.

17. Rules of Debate

The Chairman asked about the work of the Committee on Rules and Debate. It was reported that the document was ready and had recently been submitted to the Chairman.

Dr. Payne reminded the Committee that the Committee on the Rules of Debate was a sub-committee of the Executive Committee.

AGREED

to pass the document as from the Executive Committee to the Assembly Committee.

18. Headquarters Properties Fund

Bishop Sherrill reported on the progress of the appeal. He indicated that about 1½ million dollars in cash was in hand and about 2 million one hundred thousand had been committed . There were some disappointments. Australia had only made a small contribution through one Church. Norway, Britain, Holland, had not responded as yet.

Switzerland and Sweden had raised contributions during the past six months.

AGREED

that early in the agenda of the Central Committee, Bishop Sherrill should make a statement on the progress of the appeal and by implication encourage those who had not yet participated in the appeal.

It was also agreed that the utmost be done to secure the support of all the churches for the scheme.